

ABSTRACT

Method of warning individuals about hot surfaces on stoves and related appliances containing multiple heating elements by installing a configuration of light emitting diodes (or organic LEDs) that comprises a heat warning symbol specific to that one heating element, the LEDs receiving electric power whenever a specified temperature of that heating element is exceeded in accordance with a controller that receives information from the heat sensor adjacent the heating element. The symbols are positioned so that an observer approaching a heating element of stove from any direction when the heating element is dangerously hot can understand the symbol for that heating element. The arrangement of LED's may form a perimeter around the heating element interrupted by the letters "HOT" or partially encircle the heating element in different embodiments and is positioned between the heating element and an observer. The symbols are adjustable for brightness and can incorporate sound and blinking.